

## TIPP CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

### Study Session

City Manager Jon Crusey opened the Study Session at 6:35 p.m. on this date.

### Roll Call

Council Members in attendance included: George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, John E. Kessler, Dolores Gillis, Mayor Tim Evans, Bill Beagle, and Vickie Blakey.

Others in attendance: Finance Director Richard Drennen, Utilities Director Mo Eichman, Law Director Joseph Moore, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, Don Ochs, *Dayton Daily News* reporter Nancy Bowman, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

### Discussion – Emergency Watershed Protection Program Easement

Mr. Eichman informed Council that the USDA approved the eastern part of Kyle Park for the Emergency Wetland Protection Program in August, 2009. With this agreement, the City grants an access easement and easement deed for 126.5 acres in Kyle Park and accepts \$417,500 from the USDA with no restrictions on the use of the funds. The USDA will plant prairie grass, trees and possibly alter the levy at their expense. The City will no longer be able to rent the property out for farming and will be obligated to control noxious weeds, pests and invasive species. The City will not be able to install new water wells on the property, but previous wellfield analysis showed this area as being unproductive for new water wells.

### Sidewalk Appeal 330 E. Main

Mr. Crusey stated that he chose to bring this sidewalk appeal to Council before any work was done for their direction. Mr. Vagedes explained that the residents at 330 E. Main do not wish to install sidewalk and concrete apron as directed by staff and according to City ordinance. The residents feel that this would not be necessary if the City had not installed a bike path. Mr. Vagedes further explained that there is existing sidewalk buried under approximately 6 inches of dirt and sod. From staff's perspective, this new sidewalk provides connectivity to downtown and it should be treated as a walking path. The cost to the Lights to install sidewalk and a concrete apron would be \$2281. After discussion, Council agreed that the Lights would not be required to install sidewalk and a concrete apron at this time. They did, however, remind the Lights that a future council could come back and require installation at another time.

### Water Tower Logo

Mr. Crusey reviewed with Council some of the samples received for the new water tower logo. Council agreed that "simpler was better" and selected the logo with the words "Tipp City" with a rendering of the Pride of Tipp Mum at the top. Mr. Crusey will inform Council of the costs when he receives them.

### Tipp-Cowlesville Paving

Mr. Crusey informed Council that the County will be doing a repaving job on Tipp Cowlesville Road. They have offered to do the gap between their paving and our paving at a cost of \$21,000. This will include pavement, berm and striping and funds would come out of CIP reserve fund. Council agreed to take part in project and a motion will be added to the agenda.

**Adjournment**

The study session concluded at 7:30 p.m.

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Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council

## **TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

### **Roll Call**

President Patrick A. Hale called to order the regular meeting of the Tipp City Council at 7:31 p.m. Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present: George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, Dolores Gillis, Vickie Blakey, William Beagle, Mayor Tim Evans, and John E. Kessler.

Others in attendance: Finance Director Richard Drennen, Utilities Director Mo Eichman, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Chief of Police Tom Davidson, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, City Attorney Joseph P. Moore, *Dayton Daily News* reporter Nancy Bowman, *Sunday Record Herald* reporter Joyell Nevins, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Guests signing the register included: Donald Ochs, Mike McFarland, Bill Lewis, Kathy Miller, Pete Berbach, Katie Black, Bryan Budding, Suzanne Freese, Denice Bjenke, Mich Bjenke, Brenda Seagraves, John Berbach, Kimberly Seagraves, Ed Elston, Vicki Appora, Peggy Suerdieck, Daniel Grego, Lisa Santucci, Joellen Heatherly, Kim Poast, Jeff Poast, Chris Hypes, Frank Landwehr, Rob Stefanko, Mark Browning, Kim Browning, Kathleen Phillips, Daniel Phillips, Doug McCall, Madonna Corwin, Steve Wead, Mike Zwayer, Adam Blake, Tom Peffet, Clint Corwin, Kathy Jackson, Steve Lehmkuhl, Matt Owen, Bill Flock, John Schneider, R. Sean Conley, Tiffany Patterson, Michael Griesmeyer, Beverly Bevan, Betty Hawk, Mike McDermott, Steve Staub, Len Stahl, Melissa Fowle, Brant Fowle, Matt Black, Joe Gibson, Samantha Graybill, John Muldowney, D. Muldowney, Scott Brownlee, Frank Maus, Marie Hellman, Doug Arnold, Brent Rawling, Kim Yoder, Kelly Gillis, Amy DeCamp, Linda Adam, Steven Chaney, Mark Springer

### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Jeff Seekins delivered the invocation and President Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

President Hale made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item B under Motions. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lovett and unanimously approved. The amended agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Beagle, seconded by Mr. Lovett.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Kessler, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 pre-meeting study session. The motion carried 6-0; Mayor Evans abstained.

President Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Beagle, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting. The motion carried 6-0; Mayor Evans abstained.

### **Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards**

Mayor Evans congratulated Gordon Honeyman for winning the award for the Biggest Ash Tree in Tipp City and explained that the Tree Board has been conducting this contest with different types of trees for the past three years. Mr. Honeyman will receive a certificate and a plaque with his name will be hung in the Government Center.

**Ordinance  
(Second Reading)  
Ordinance 22-09  
Sale of Property**

The following ordinances were presented to City Council for adoption.

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to transfer certain real property (net +/- 0.418 total acre sale) within the Western property line of 1427 West Main Street, City of Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio.

Clerk of Council Summary: This ordinance allows the City to sell land to the Community Bible Church.

City Manager Comments: The adoption of this ordinance would authorize the transfer of two parcels totaling 0.418 acres along the west property line of 1427 West Main Street to Community Bible Church. This property was acquired in 1987 for the purpose of extending proposed Tower Drive. However, due to a change in the thoroughfare plan the roadway was never constructed. A combined drive for Bowling Moorman and Community Bible Church currently occupies the property in question. The City would retain a permanent utility easement over the property due to the presence of an existing water main.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Beagle sponsored this ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Blakey and unanimously approved. Ordinance 22-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinance 23-09  
Tax Rates**

An ordinance accepting the amounts and tax rates as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission, authorizing the regular statutory tax levies authorized and allowed by law thereby for the Municipality of Tipp City, for such fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and certifying such levies to the County Auditor.

Clerk of Council Summary: This ordinance sets the rate for the Property Tax Levy to be collected in 2010.

City Manager Comments: The Miami County Budget Commission is scheduled to meet the last week of August to approve the City's authorized "inside" millage property tax rate for 2010. Our current levy millage is 1.4 mills. Inside millage refers to the 10 mill property tax limitation that can be established without voter approval. The ten-mill limitation prohibits the imposition of a property tax in excess of one percent of the value of the property, except as provided by vote of the people or by charter of a municipal corporation. Various taxing units may seek to levy taxes on the same property, but the total amount of unnoted taxes actually levied may not exceed ten mills. The county budget commission is responsible for considering tax budgets submitted by the various taxing units and determining the amounts of taxes each taxing unit may levy. Inside millage is not rolled back like voter approved millage to account for increased in property valuation. The City receives approximately \$0.03 of every property tax dollar collected.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Lovett sponsored this ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mayor Evans and unanimously approved. Ordinance 23-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinance \_\_-09**  
**Income Tax**

An ordinance relating to the municipal income tax and amending Ordinance No. 40-72.

Clerk of Council Summary: This ordinance amends Section 39.50 of the Tipp City Municipal Code relating to income tax credit reduction.

City Manager Comments: The adoption of this ordinance would reduce the income tax credit granted to residents who pay a municipal income tax to another municipality. The Finance Department estimates that 40% of Tipp City residents pay Tipp City local income taxes while 60% of residents pay local income taxes to another municipality. Currently, residents are granted a 1.25% (Tipp City's municipal income tax rate) credit for municipal income taxes paid to another municipality. In other words, if a resident pays a municipal income tax of 1.25% or higher to another municipality then that resident does not pay any municipal income tax to the City of Tipp City. This ordinance would reduce the income tax credit to 0.75% effective January 1, 2010 and to 0.50% effective January 1, 2013. The 10-year, 0.25% Park Levy is scheduled to expire December 31, 2012 whereby Tipp City's income tax rate will revert to 1.00%. This ordinance would require all residents who pay a local income tax to another municipality to pay the City of Tipp City an income tax of at least 0.50%. This change would not affect non-wage earners, such as retirees. The income tax credit reduction is scheduled to expire December 31, 2025 (15 years).

**Motion to Table**

Mr. Kessler sponsored this ordinance and made a motion to table this item until the first meeting in November. Motion was seconded by Mr. Beagle.

**Councilmember  
Comments**

Mrs. Blakey stated that she would rather vote on this item now and then consider other options.

President Hale agreed that he would rather not table it and sees no reason to leave it on the table for future meetings.

Mrs. Gillis agreed with President Hale and Mrs. Blakey.

Mr. Evans stated that he supports tabling this ordinance because citizens have asked us to work with them and look at alternative methods of raising the capital. He added that the reality is the City's infrastructure is deteriorating, among many needs, and for the past two years we have put no dollars forth. Mr. Evans believes that Council needs to go back to City staff and ask them to come up with \$500,000 worth of recommendations for Council to do what the citizens have asked; however the City must move forward and invest dollars in our infrastructure. Mr. Evans stated he will be looking for alternatives that the community is willing to bring forward as well as the recommendations of staff and that is why he supports tabling this ordinance at this time.

Mr. Beagle stated that he supports tabling this ordinance and looks forward to spending the next month working with people trying to come up with alternatives. He added that he is happy to have discussions to see what options are.

Mr. Lovett stated that it was nice to see a room full of people who

Resident Comments

care deeply about our community and he would like to engage in meaningful dialogue with facts about what our community is facing. He also supports tabling this ordinance.

President Hale agreed that we have been putting capital projects on hold for 10 years and that the City needs to spend money on roads; however, he doesn't support .5% tax reduction and does not believe it's going to be supported by the citizens, so he doesn't see the point in tabling the ordinance.

Roll call vote was taken and the motion to table was approved 4-3. Mrs. Blakey, President Hale, and Mrs. Gillis voted no.

Samantha Graybill, 810 Elderwood Ave.

- Too many staff members
- Charging too much for pool; why is pool run by outside company
- Why are City employees getting discounts or free passes
- Thanked editor of informational brochure about meeting

Steve Staub, 849 Stonehenge Dr.

- No attempt in getting input from citizens
- This type of increase is wrong
- Need communication and creative thinking
- Things the City should look at include:
  - Cutting health insurance Council Members receive
  - Pool contract
- Council and City might not been best stewards of citizen's money due to 7 trips to Washington, DC; hiring a recruiter to hire a new City Manager when there were other alternatives available, and considering hiring a consulting company for \$20,000 to find out what residents think

Mr. Lovett replied that the Waxman Markey bill will impose significant costs to residents as a result of climate control legislation. Cost projections for Tipp City residents are \$1.5M-3.5M per year. Mr. Lovett asked wouldn't it make a great deal of sense to lobby legislators, to send a Council member on a trip that costs \$1000, and who gets paid nothing, to lobby legislators. He stated that he believes it makes sense to try to spend a few hundred dollars now to save citizens millions down the road.

Len Stahl, 802 Stoneridge

- Appreciates council's time/service/dedication to our town
- Very disappointed in the manner in which Council has conducted themselves and believes it demonstrates a serious lack of judgment and character
- Not Council's place to decide how much money you take from the citizens
- Rationale is very short sighted and will create lack of trust in elected officials
- Will alienate people who have voted school levies in and will also discourage educated professionals to move into Tipp City
- Council now has an opportunity to bring people together to move this community forward in a positive manner, achieve goals, to

grow and improve city.

Mr. Lovett asked Mr. Stahl if he would like to see us make more cuts to the City's budget.

Mr. Stahl replied that he is not privy to numbers, but many people in the community aren't saying they don't want to pay more to have better infrastructure, what people are angry about is the manner in which Council chose to do this. Mr. Stahl stated Council should provide information to people; use technology available today to communicate, provide information in a very detailed manner to help people understand what needs are. Citizens are willing to help in this effort.

Frank Maus, 789 Copperfield Lane

- Works in City of Dayton, paying 2.25% if this were to pass his income tax rate would go to 2.75%
- There are a lot of Dayton professionals; tax rate would factor in decision to move to Tipp City.
- Tipp City residents want to see value in their tax dollars
- Better communication is needed such as emails with a link to a website with news.

Mr. Lovett asked Mr. Maus if he wanted to see more cuts.

Mr. Maus stated that he is about value; the pool costs us money but his family gets a lot of value out of it. If it's added value then he doesn't want to see it cut, but if it doesn't add value, then eliminate it.

Brenda Seagraves, 1109 Windsor Crossing

- A lot of homeowners losing their homes due to unemployment
- Looking at a large percentage of citizens that are experiencing extremely distressful economic times

Brian Budding, 725 Columbine Court

- Tax rate was one of the things he considered when he moved to Tipp
- Wants to see value in the things the City spends money on; would try to find someone buy the pool as it is not up to the City to provide entertainment for its citizens
- Appreciates pamphlet that came out about the tax

Greg Relue, 801 Hawk Ave.

- Came from Ft. Wayne
- Could we raise sales tax? Bill Beagle replied that the Municipality doesn't have control over sales tax, gas tax; the City receives funds from income taxes, fees, and property tax of which the City gets 3%.
- Can we get tax dollars back from the cities that we work in? Mayor Evans replied that this would require overturning state law. Mr. Crusey added that the City would actually lose money if this occurred as we would pay more money out than we would receive from other communities.

Mike Griesmeyer, 811 Juniper Court

- Haven't heard anyone talk about solution that is outside the box
- Can't accept another increase without understanding that all options have been looked at including cut-backs; not asking Council to cut back, but it should be an option
- If you need income, put it out there, explain it, come up with new ideas, we will vote it in
- Volunteered to be part of decision making

Donna Corwin, 801 Stoneridge Pl.

- The City needs to make do with what they have just as residents do.

John Schneider, 825 Buckeye Ct.

- Thinks communication was handled poorly, need to do a better job
- These same 60% of the people you are trying to tax are the people who support the City by passing levies
- Need to find ways to attract businesses, offer incentives

Mr. Lovett asked how Council can improve communications?

Mr. Schneider replied that it is a tough challenge but suggested the newsletter, website, email.

Mayor Evans asked if Mr. Schneider felt that schools adequately communicate with citizens. Mr. Schneider replied yes, he knew exactly what was going to happen with the school levy. Mayor Evans asked the audience how many people are aware that Kitty Lobo is a paid employee of the school for the purpose of communications. He reminded residents that when Council was looking to hire someone for this same type of position, they were chastised by community. The citizens want the communication but don't want the tool.

James Oriti, 1240 Thornapple Way

- Feels reducing credit to the city in which we work is "behind the back"
- Wants cuts made
- Chose Tipp City because of low tax rate, if we raise that by reducing credit, you will deter a lot of young professionals from moving here

Mike Bruns, 585 Stonecress Dr.

- Work out of City limits, unfair to hit those individuals with tax increase
- Very rare to see that you don't get full credit
- Every person in his company is on a pay cut; he believes that Council either has to cut people or ask them to share the burden by taking a pay cut



**Resolutions**  
**(One Reading Required)**  
Resolution 35-09  
Streetscape Project

Frank Landwehr, 227 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

- Welcomes request for help in communications, will get a lot of feedback
- Continued arrogance, stand-offishness, condescending attacks are going to alienate people

Ed Elston, 873 Stonehenge Dr.

- Where he lived before had 0% tax; when they were short of money, they had to find a way to deal with it
- He recently had to take a pay cut and would like to know how many people in Tipp City have had to take a pay cut or lost their jobs; he believes City employees should be on same level
- 15 years seems like a long time for this tax

Mr. Beagle stated that Council doesn't know what the future holds in terms of revenues and noted that the City has been having difficulties with the capital budget for years and has been funneling money out of the general fund. Now there is no surplus in the general fund. The City has stopped buying equipment and stopped fixing roads.

Melissa Fowle, 12 Pueblo Court

- Thanked whoever did the email and those attending the meeting. Noted that most City Council meetings hardly anybody here.
- Doesn't want to see cuts

President Hale thanked residents for their input and declared a 10 minute recess noting that the meeting will conclude at 9:05 p.m. He reminded residents that this item is now tabled until November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required for the Streetscape Project.

Clerk of Council Summary: The StreetScape Project upgrades the 200' of SR571 from the I-75 exit ramps to Tippecanoe Drive Intersection, and adds StreetScape components to the SR571 intersections at Tippecanoe Drive, Garber Drive, and Hyatt Street.

City Manager Comments: This resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission to fund a portion of the streetscape project along SR 571 scheduled for 2010. The project involves the reconstruction of +/- 200 feet of West Main Street east of the northbound I-75 ramps plus streetscape improvements to the intersections of Garber Drive, Tippecanoe Drive and Hyatt Street. Improvements include the replacement of curbs, sidewalks & drive aprons, ADA ramps, fire hydrants, storm sewer catch basins, trees & shrubs, retaining walls, decorative fencing and lighting. The estimated cost for this project is \$650,000 with OPWC funding \$300,000 and an MVRPC/ODOT CMAQ grant funding \$301,905. The balance of \$48,050 will come from the City.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Beagle sponsored this

resolution and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler and unanimously approved. Resolution 35-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Resolution 36-09  
Water Meter AMR/AMI  
Project

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required for the Water Meter AMR/AMI Project.

Clerk of Council Summary: The Water Meter AMR/AMI Project shall replace the existing water meters within Tipp City water distribution system and install a wireless mesh network to allow the water meters to communicate with the Government Center.

City Manager Comments: This resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the City's AMR/AMI project. This application is specific to the water portion of the project which involves the replacement of approximately 4,100 water meters city-wide and the implementation of a either a walk-by or smart grid solution for meter reading. The estimated cost for the water portion of this project is \$1,200,000 with OPWC funding \$600,000 with a 0% interest loan. The Finance Director estimates that a 0% interest loan could save up to \$315,000 over the term of the loan. The remaining \$600,000 would be financed by the issuance of debt.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Lovett sponsored this resolution and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Blakey and unanimously approved. Resolution 36-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Resolution 37-09  
Easement at Kyle Park

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Option Agreement to purchase with the United States of America for the acquisition of an easement of 126.5 acres at Kyle Park.

Clerk of Council Summary: This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Option Agreement with the U. S. Department of Agricultural for an Emergency Watershed Protection Program easement of 126.5 acres in Kyle Park.

City Manager Comments: The adoption of this resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an Option Agreement to Purchase with the U. S. Department of Agricultural for an Emergency Watershed Protection Program easement. The easement would encompass 126.5 acres at the east end of Kyle Park, the majority of which is currently farmed. The purpose of the easement is to restore, protect, manage, maintain, and enhance the functional values of floodplains, wetlands, riparian areas, and other lands; and for the conservation of natural values including fish and wildlife and their habitat, water quality improvement, flood water retention, groundwater recharge, open space, aesthetic values, and environmental education; and to safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion. Under the terms of the proposed agreement the City would be paid \$417,550 for the conveyance of the easement. Restrictions would be placed on the future use of the land; however, such restrictions

**Ordinance First Reading**  
Amend Zoning Code

would not conflict with the master plan for the area except for a proposed amphitheatre. The farming of this ground would have to be ceased as the land would be required to go back to its natural state at USDA's expense.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Evans sponsored this resolution and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gillis and unanimously approved. Resolution 37-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

President Hale sponsored an ordinance to amend the zoning code and the map attached thereto by changing the zoning of +/- .0 acres (all of Inlot 2349) located at 425 Kerr Road, from R-1 (Residential) to OS (Office Service) zoning classification.

Clerk of Council Summary: The Planning Board recommended approval of this rezoning change. The applicant is proposing to construct an office building for his electrical engineering consulting firm.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance would rezone Inlot 2349 located at 425 Kerr Road from R-1 (Residential) to OS (Office Service). The purpose of the rezoning is for the construction of a commercial office building on this +/- 5 acre site for an electrical engineering consulting firm. The Planning Board reviewed this request at its August 11, 2009 meeting and recommended approval.

Water Rules & Regs

Mrs. Gillis sponsored an ordinance amending Chapter 50.19 and 51.16 of the Codified Ordinances to incorporate changes to the Water Rules and Regulations to include Sewer Rules.

Clerk of Council Summary: Council reviewed these changes at their August 17, 2009 study session.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance amends the Code of Ordinances to reference the updated Water and Sewer Department General Rules and Regulations, which will be adopted by Administrative Order. These updates were reviewed with Council at your August 17, 2009 study session. The updated rules and regulations replace the Rules and Regulations Governing the Water Department that were adopted by the Board of Public Affairs in 1965.

**Motions**

A motion for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Downtown Tipp City Partnership for Harvestfest was made by Mr. Beagle, seconded by Mrs. Gillis and unanimously approved.

President Hale made a motion to pave Tipp Cowlesville south to Evanston Road in coordination with the Miami County Engineers Office, seconded by Mr. Lovett and unanimously approved.

**Citizen Comments**

There were none.

**Councilmember  
Comments**

Mr. Beagle thanked all who attended, for their comments, their ideas, the acknowledgement of the difficult situation we are in. Don't forget the Mum Festival this weekend.

Mrs. Blakey reminded everyone to come to the Mum Run in the morning.

Mr. Kessler Council has been trying to find other ways to get information without using an outside firm. Over 200 communities do not give or give partial credits and this number is growing. He got comments from people opposing the tax saying that we should raise it so that everyone pays their fair share. Make it clear that it won't affect retirees. Will pass any tax you want so long as we don't have to pay for it. We were asking for residents who don't pay any money to the City to put some back into their resident community.

Mrs. Gillis thanked everyone for coming. Appreciated getting all the emails. It was hard to answer them, but she did read all emails and studied very hard to come up with her decision. Monday she represented the City when Phil Nagley returned from his bike ride where he traveled 48 states in 57 days – we are real proud of him. Don't forget the Mum Festival this weekend.

Mayor Evans thanked citizens for coming out and encouraged this level of participation. We have had Board positions and Council positions go unchallenged. Thanked those individuals to come up to the podium; knows it is difficult for public speaking. Encourage this level of participation at all meetings. We have study sessions at our meetings and encourage residents to come to them. Fox and Channel 3 is featuring Tipp City on It's Where You Live. They are helping to promote our community and several businesses have purchased time in the ads.

President Hale thanked residents for coming out and stated it would be nice if we got that kind of support on a regular basis. Flyers available for the weekend of October 3 and 4, 15% of all purchases at Bob Evans come back to the Tree Board for their projects.

**City Manager Comments**

Mr. Crusey recognized Nancy Bowman from the Dayton Daily News for her many years of professional service and outstanding coverage of Tipp City Council meetings and Community Events. She will no longer be covering Miami County and will be sorely missed.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Beagle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blakey and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council